AN ORDINANCE

Councilmember Vern McCarty

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An Ordinance authorizing the Bureau of Traffic and Transportation to post "Drug Free Zone" signs in, and around, Ormond Park; and for other purposes

WHEREAS, drug use and addiction in the United States have reached epidemic proportions; and

WHEREAS, this is especially problematic with the nation's youth; and

WHEREAS, nationally, there has been declared a "War on Drugs

WHEREAS, State law makes it illegal for any person to manufacture, distribute, dispense, or possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance or marijuana in, on or within 1,000 feet of property used as a park, playground, recreation center, or for any other recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, there is a severe problem with drug sales in, and around Ormond Park in the Grant Park neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, while State Law **does** stipulate that such public areas are "Drug Free Zones" there are no signage indicating such; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the Atlanta City Council that the installation of signage will curtail this activity.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

Section 1: That the City Council re-affirms that certain public property known as "Ormond Park" which is owned as operated by the City of Atlanta and bound by Atlanta Avenue, Ormond Street and Grant Street in Grant Park**6**s a "drug-free" zone.

Section 2: That in accordance with State law, it is hereby illegal for any person to manufacture, distribute, dispense, or possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance or marijuana in, on, or within 1,000 feet of property used as a park, playground, recreation center, or for any other recreation purposes. Violation of this law shall be considered a felony.

Section 3: That the Bureau of Traffic and Transportation is hereby authorized to post signs designating the aforementioned as a drug free zone at all entrances, and in other strategic locations near the park.

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